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Guest Lecture

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Managing Migration: Canadian and American Dilemmas

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12:00 - 13:30 h

Location: University of Neuchâtel, Avenue du 1er-Mars 26, Room B29



Abstract

Canada and the United States of America (US) accept three-fourths of the world's two million settler immigrants a year. Canada receives mostly Asians selected under a system that awards points for youth, education, and knowledge of English or French, while the US gets mostly Latin Americans who are joining relatives in the US. Why are Canadians generally satisfied with government management of migration policy while Americans are not?

Curriculum Vitae

Philip Martin is Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California-Davis, chair of the University of California's Comparative Immigration and Integration Program, and editor of the monthly Migration News and the quarterly Rural Migration News. His research focuses on immigration, farm labor, and economic development. Martin has earned a reputation as an effective analyst who can develop practical solutions to complex and controversial migration and labor issues. In the US, Martin was the only academic appointed to the Commission on Agricultural Workers to assess the effects of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. He received UCD's Distinguished Public Service Award in 1994. Martin assessed the prospects for Turkish migration to European Union between 1987 and 1990, evaluated the effects of immigration on Malaysia's economy and its labor markets in 1994-95, and was a member of the Binational Study of Migration between 1995 and 1997. In 2001-02, he assessed the options for dealing with unauthorized migration into Thailand.

Selected Publications

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